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| Application No.: 10/058,749 | ) |                        |
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| Filed: January 30, 2002     | ) |                        |
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| For: PRINTING SYSTEM,       | ) |                        |
| PRINTING METHOD,            | : |                        |
| DIGITAL CAMERA              | ) |                        |
| STORAGE MEDIUM AND          | : |                        |
| PROGRAM FOR PRINTING        | ) |                        |
| METHOD, AND PRINTING        | : |                        |
| CONTROL APPARATUS           | ) | July 11, 2006          |

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each foreign-language document (except document 4), together with its English-language abstract, is enclosed. Copies of the English-language documents are not enclosed, pursuant to 1276 O.G. 55 (August 5, 2003).

(1) U.S. Patent No. 6,963,672

(2) U.S. Patent No. 6,580,460

(3) JP 10-149265

(4) JP 10-243327

(5) JP 2000-094781

(6) JP 5-342238

Document 1 was cited in an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed August 6, 2003 as U.S. Application No. 09/435,352. Since this application was not included on the Form PTO-1449 (1449) submitted therewith, document 1 is being included herein so as to be listed on the 1449, thereby facilitating for the Examiner the acknowledgment of the considered reference.

Documents 3 to 6 were cited during prosecution of a Japanese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. Document 4 was previously cited in an IDS filed August 6, 2003. Consequently, a copy is not enclosed and the document has not been included on the 1449 attached hereto. Document 2 is believed to be an English-language counterpart of document 4. A concise explanation of relevance is believed to be provided by the English-language abstracts and/or the English-language counterpart.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this

information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the Form PTO-1449.

In this regard, the Examiner is respectfully requested also to initial and return the 1449 that was submitted with the IDS filed August 6, 2003.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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